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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6229
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 6421

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC PINT EG LE
SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACKS ON EGYPTIAN EMBASSY

1. AT 1145 ON DECEMBER 20, WHILE DCM WAS VISITING
OFFICE OF ADF'S COMMANDER SAMI KHATIB, AN OFFICER
OF THE ADF BURST IN CARRYING A FIRING DEVICE AND
TIMER. HE EXPLAINED BREATHLESSLY TO COLONEL
KHATIB THAT HE HAD JUST REMOVED THIS MECHANISM FROM
A ROCKET HIDDEN ON A VEGETABLE PUSHCART POINTED AT
THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. THE VISITOR SHOWED BOTH COLONEL
KHATIB AND THE DCM THE TIMING DEVICE WHICH HAD BEEN
SET TO DETONATE AT 1200 THAT DAY, A HALF AN HOUR AFTER
THE ROCKET WAS DISCOVERED AND DEFUSED.

2. THE ISRAELI NEWS BROADCAST IN ENGLISH AT 1400 ON
THE SAME DAY, DECEMBER 20, ANNOUNCED THAT A ROCKET
AIMED AT THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT HAD BEEN
DISCOVERED THAT MORNING AND DEFUSED JUST PRIOR
TO THE TIME IT WAS SET TO FIRE.

3. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM FBIS REPORTS
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RECEIVED HERE, THE ISRAELIS SCORED A CLEAN BEAT IN
REPORTING THIS INCIDENT. ISRAELI NEWS REPORTING ON
EVENTS IN THE LEBANON IS NOT ALWAYS THIS ACCURATE
BUT THE SPEED IS IMPRESSIVE.
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